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## CATTLE ON FEED

### COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 960,000 head as of May 1, 2017. The latest inventory is 2 percent above last month's inventory and 7 percent above the May 1, 2016 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 125,000 head of fed cattle during April 2017. This was 26 percent below the previous month's marketings, and 7 percent below the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 155,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during April 2017, 24 percent below the previous month's placements, but 7 percent above the April 2016 placements. Of the number placed in April, 16 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 16 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 26 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 26 percent weighed 800 to 899 pounds, and 16 percent weighed 900 pounds or greater. Other disappearance for April, at 10,000 head, was 5,000 head above last month but the same as last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on May 1, 2017. The inventory was 2 percent above May 1, 2016. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.85 million head, 11 percent above 2016. Net placements were 1.78 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 348,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 255,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 490,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 495,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 190,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 70,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.70 million head, 3 percent above 2016. Other disappearance totaled 66,000 head during April, 13 percent below 2016.

For a full copy of the May 2017 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).